



SOUTHWEST LICC REPORT ~ JAN 03



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Regional LICC status:

Active LICCs: 9 LICCs representing 18 counties are active

Inactive LICCs: 2 LICCs are representing 3 counties are inactive

LICCs in development: 7 counties in the 27 county region do not have LICC representation

Primary Outcomes of LICCs: Most of the LICCs have the same focus

1. Public Awareness/ Child Find
2. Provider Recruitment
3. Establishing a formalized council and membership
4. Collaborating with their SPOE

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

Many of the LICCs have been writing formal action plans & Scopes of Work to outline their upcoming activities. They have also been ordering brochures and making customized brochure inserts for the LICC brochure. Many have also been putting a focus on their membership and getting more people involved. They have all shown interest in collaborating with their SPOEs and many have invited their SPOEs to future meeting.

Specific points:

Barry/Lawrence: Held a workshop about First Steps in November (all day) Gave information about First Steps as well as parents sharing real life stories.

Jasper: Working on getting funding for child find from a local funding source

Met with the SPOE and planning a tea/breakfast with the SPOE in Feb. Presenting at the local college for First Steps with a parent forum in February

Phelps/Pulaski: Brought potential Service Coordinators to last LICC meeting

Writing a letter to DMH providers and parents encouraging them to come to the next meeting

Tri-Lakes: Completed by-laws and set goals for next two meetings to begin to establish a working relationship with our SPOE.

Stone/Taney: Have established a name (Children's Resource Connection) and working on provider recruitment, plan on sending post cards to all licensed therapist

The Southwest LICCs continue to meet monthly and are diligently working towards their as well as the state's goals for First Steps in their community. They put a lot of time and effort into their councils which reflects their dedication and purpose of First Steps.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

Many are concerned with provider enrollment and availability of providers in the community. Almost all of them have identified that many providers will not travel to some of the rural areas. Getting information to the medical community was identified as a high need. Most of the LICCs are anxiously awaiting their brochures as they want to get them out into the community.

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. Henry/St Clair has concerns about how referrals are being handled right now it is difficult for families to negotiate. Hard for providers to travel to some areas, therefore some families are not getting needed services
2. Phelps/Pulaski would like to suggest a forum for the LICCs to access? i.e. a list serve, a LICC club site, etc The club site would provide the opportunity to post questions / answers, updates, chat back and forth and post ideas for others to use and brainstorm from.
3. Tri-Lakes exist and are seriously working on becoming an efficiently working LICC and becoming an established and recognized organization in their community.
4. Barry/Lawrence have several interested people ~ concerned about the young children in their communities, their council wants to and is ready to all the info out to the public.